

on them that heard and they were received into Christian fellowship by the administration of the rite of baptism.

Terse Teachings

- 1 God hears and answers prayer.
- 2 God takes account of our almsgiving.
- 3 Cornelius was a good man but not saved.
- 4 There are many unsaved good men in the world.
- 5 Christ is able to save the *worst* of sinners.
- 6 The *best* of sinners can not be saved without Christ.
- 7 The world needs nothing else so much as it needs Christ.
- 8 Angels carry messages but they do not preach the gospel.
- 9 It is both a comfort and a warning to know that angels are acquainted with our movements.
- 10 God prepares both the preacher who delivers the message and the man who hears it.
- 11 God never fails in sending the right man to the right place.
- 12 If God is not a respecter of persons, then surely members of the same church ought not be.

Missions

Washington, D. C.

Since my last letter two more precious souls have been added by baptism. We give God the praise and continue to press on in the name of Jesus. As the work advances we find the demands upon our time multiplying; if correspondents do not receive replies so promptly they will know the reason.

Sunday Afternoons.—I spend many of them in assisting in the services at the work house, the jail, the hospitals, the alms house, etc. In this work I find great blessing. It not only gives me much comfort to be able to serve "for Jesus' sake" in such places, but I enjoy the association of the Christian workers, some of whom have been visiting these institutions regularly for several years. Later on I may find time to describe this work and tell something of the lives with which we meet in these places.

Easter Sunday.—I must tell you how I spent the afternoon. After opening the regular services held at the alms house, in company with several of my own congregation, it was my pleasure to assist in the distribution of Easter gifts to the inmates of alms house, hospital and other places. In this way we called upon hundreds of people personally distributing cakes, fruits, cards, etc., dropping words of cheer and hope, sometimes singing a verse or two of some familiar hymn.

In the alms house I went to the fourth floor twice, calling in all of the rooms; the first time carrying a large basket filled with oranges, bananas, etc., while one of the lady mission workers dispensed with the good

things. The second time I was willing to let Brother Evans carry the basket. After this they filled a box, it must have held two bushels, (the basket was not more than half that large) and then I had the pleasure of "toting" the box thru all of the hospital wards. Before we got thru it seemed to me that the box had increased its capacity to about five bushels. Well you see Brother Lyon had to carry about 200 lbs. avoirdupois besides.

Late in the afternoon we "ended up" at the men's work house. I took a back seat near the door, hoping that I would not be called to the front, for I must confess I felt a little tired, but one of the leaders of the services spied me out and beckoning me to the front, requested that I give the closing talk to the men who wore the striped suits. Well, I'm glad that I have a sound body and one not small enough to make it an easy matter to creep away and hide, else the temptation might be still stronger in that direction and result disastrously.

A Sad Sight,—and yet I've known some things much more sad. In one of the wards the attendant nurse said to me, "look at that poor man." I looked, and O, what a fearful sight; his face had been cut and haggled and chopped in every direction. She said, "That poor man was thus cut to pieces by his own son." Terrible indeed, and yet how many there are who treat Jesus worse than that! Crucify him afresh and put him to an open shame!

More About Easter Gifts.—It seems that the custom of presenting Easter gifts has been followed by not a few for a long time. Many a face that wore a sad expression as we entered on that Sunday afternoon and said, "A happy Easter," suddenly lighted up with joy, as the words were accompanied with some token of remembrance, such as an Easter card, an orange, cakes, etc. In many cases the response came in a hearty "God bless you", some were too full for utterance, but tears trickling over the pale cheek spoke louder than words that they appreciated these things that were done in the name of Christ.

"O, the good we all may do,
While the days are going by."

I was made to realize as never before the real meaning of the words, "I was sick and in prison and ye came unto me."

Some may inquire here: Who furnished all of these presents? I do not know; I did not ask. I was only too glad to be able to help some in their distribution, and I trust that some day we shall be able to do something more substantial among our own people along these lines.

And now I must tell you before I close of the beautiful Easter gift presented to your unworthy servant and his "better half." The people are not all dead yet who believe in bringing their flowers to the living and not withhold them for the casket display. The gift I now speak of was presented by Brother Baxter and wife, of this city, an

oil painting of rare beauty and enclosed in a very handsome frame. This painting represents a vase of roses, exquisitely beautiful. Mrs. Baxter is an artist whose work speaks for itself as all will testify who have ever had the pleasure of visiting their home. We return our most sincere thanks for this lovely Easter present and pray that they may know more and more of the blessing, loveliness and beauty of "The Rose of Sharon."

W. M. LYON.

Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church for the Months of February and March

GENERAL FUND

National S. S. C. E.,	\$10 00
C. E. Society, Mc Louth, Kan.,	2 35
S. S. C. E., Philadelphia, Pa.,	4 00
A sister, Columbus, O.,	70
H. C. Williams, Lansdale, Pa.,	1 00
A sister, California,	3 65
F. L. Garber, Ankenytown, Ohio,	1 00
W. H. Leedy, Ankenytown, Ohio,	1 00
Offering Brethren Church, Ankenytown, O.,	2 78
Mrs. M. J. Ashbaugh & daughter, Girard, Ill.,	2 00
National S. S. C. E.,	10 00
National Conference of 1900,	28 65
Y. P. S. C. E., Williamstown, Ohio,	5 00
	\$72 13

WASHINGTON FUND

Annie M. Beekley, Kendric, Idaho,	2 00
A. B., Altoona, Pa.,	1 00
	3 00

CHICAGO FUND

Christian Endeavor Society, Oakville, Ind.,	2 00
Cora Snyder, Waterloo, Iowa,	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Fort Scott, Kan.,	2 00
J. S. C. Spickerman, Maryville, Mo.,	1 00
S. J. Lichty, Enon Church, Iowa,	1 00
S. S. C. E., Lanark, Ill.,	5 00
Rebecca Heft, Shideler, Ind.,	5 00
Sunday School Chicago Mission Feb.,	14 50
Offerings Chicago Mission Feb.,	8 98
Nancy Livengood, Elk Lick, Pa.,	1 00
Minnie Miller, Brooklyn, Iowa,	2 00
Mary A. Meyers, Milledgeville, Ill.,	5 00
P. D. Wine, Aurelia, Iowa,	5 00
E. L. DeVore, " "	2 00
Julia Zook, Crete, Neb.,	1 00
I. B. Parker, Aurelia, Iowa,	1 00
S. P. Fogle, New Market, Va.,	1 00
Brethren Church, Auburn, Ill.,	7 00
Kissandra Garber, " "	5 00
D. F. Herst, New Virginia, Iowa,	1 00
S. A. Thomas, New Virginia, Iowa,	1 00
Sarah Rinehart, Flora, Ind.,	5 00
Brethren church, " "	2 75
" " Brighton, Ind.,	8 00
" " Roann, Ind.,	6 04
Emma Puterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.,	10 00
S. S. C. E., Lanark, Ill.,	2 08
Offerings Chicago Mission,	10 22
Easter Missionary Offerings Chicago Mission	4 84
Barrel Opening, Chicago Mission,	5 49

Total receipts,	\$211 03
Previously reported,	863 34
	\$1074 37

EXPENDITURES

To cash by secretary to J. O. Talley,	\$25 00
" for printing,	1 25
" sent direct to J. O. Talley, Feb.,	33 48